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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q67901

Masaaki NAKAMURA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/019,250

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For: RUBBER-REINFORCING FIBER, PRODUCTION THEREOF, AND RUBBER ARTICLE AND PNEUMATIC TIRE REINFORCED BY RUBBER-REINFORCING FIBER

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Title: RUBBER-REINFORCING FIBER, PRODUCTION THEREOF,  
AND RUBBER ARTICLE AND PNEUMATIC TIRE REINFORCED  
BY RUBBER-REINFORCING FIBER

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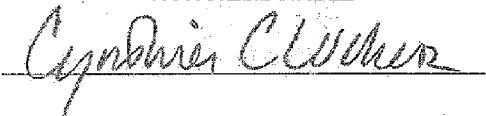
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Re: Application of NAKAMURA, Masaaki, YOSHIKAWA, Masato  
RUBBER-REINFORCING FIBER, PRODUCTION THEREOF, AND RUBBER-  
ARTICLE AND PNEUMATIC TIRE REINFORCED BY RUBBER-  
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Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- an English translation of the International Application.
- 3 sheet(s) of drawings.
- an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- a Form PTO-1449 listing the ISR references
- a Preliminary Amendment

The Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment, will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by § 371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1034.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-131569	April 28, 2000

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